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SUBJECT: PRAVDA IMPLIES HANOI-PEKING DIFFERENCES

1. PRAVDA (FEBRUARY 19) CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM JAKARTA REPLAYING A STORY FROM THE INDONESIAN NEWSPAPER, "SINAR PAGI" WHICH REPORTEDLY DENOUNCES PEKING FOR CONDONING A U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. IN PARTICULAR TASS NOTES THE ARTICLE'S REFERENCE TO CHOU EN-LAI'S ALLEGED SUPPORT FOR U.S. FORCES TO REMAIN IN THAILAND "PERMANENTLY" IN CHOU'S CONVERSATION WITH THE THAI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IN JANUARY. TASS REPORTS THAT THE DRV AT THE SAME TIME PROTESTED THE CONTINUED USE OF U.S. BASES IN THAILAND IN SUPPORT OF U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS SHOWS THAT PEKING SEEKS TO REALIZE ITS GREAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POWER AMBITIONS EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF A SUPPOSED ALLY, SAYS

TASS CITING SINGAR PAGI.

2. COMMENT. SOVIET MEDIA OFTEN CARRY ITEMS DENOUNCING PRC ATTITUDES OR ACTIONS THROUGH THE MOUTHS OF THIRD-WORLD NEWS-PAPERS. THIS ITEM IS NOTEWORTHY HOWEVER, FOR POINTING TO PEKING-HANOI DIFFERENCES, AND FOR IMPLYING THAT MOSCOW AGREES WITH HANOI'S OPPOSITION TO U.S. BASES IN THAILAND. STOESSEL

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